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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 48 (cancelled)

49. (original) A method of applying surgical prep solution, the method comprising:

providing a sterilized spreader element comprising a body comprising an orifice; a pad attached to the body over the orifice, a stem comprising a distal end attached to the body and a passage extending between the distal end of the stem and a proximal end of the stem, wherein the passage is in fluid communication with the orifice at the distal end of the stem;

providing surgical prep solution in a sterilized collapsible container;

attaching the collapsible container to the proximal end of the stem, wherein the surgical prep solution is in fluid communication with the passage of the stem; and

dispensing the surgical prep solution into the passage by compressing the collapsible container, wherein the collapsible container comprises an original volume and a collapsed volume after dispensing of the surgical prep solution, and further wherein the collapsible container recovers about 50% or less of a difference between the original volume and the collapsed volume within 30 seconds of dispensing a majority of the surgical prep solution.

50. (original) A method of manufacturing an applicator system for surgical prep solution, the method comprising:

providing a spreader element comprising a body comprising an orifice; a pad attached to the body over the orifice; a stem comprising a distal end attached to the body and a passage extending between the distal end of the stem and a proximal end of the stem, wherein the passage is in fluid communication with the orifice at the distal end of the stem;

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providing a collapsible container comprising surgical prep solution and a spout adapted to attach to the stem of the spreader element, wherein the surgical prep solution can be delivered to the passage for delivery to the pad;

sterilizing the spreader element and the collapsible container;

wherein the collapsible container comprises an original volume and a collapsed volume after dispensing of the surgical prep solution, and further wherein the collapsible container spontaneously recovers about 50% or less of a difference between the original volume and the collapsed volume within 30 seconds of dispensing a majority of the surgical prep solution.

51. (original) The method of claim 50, wherein the collapsible container is sterilized while the surgical prep solution is located within the collapsible container.

52. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the collapsible container recovers about 25% or less of a difference between the original volume and the collapsed volume within 30 seconds of dispensing a majority of the surgical prep solution.

53. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the surgical prep solution comprises iodine.

54. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the collapsible container is substantially impermeable to ethylene oxide gas.

55. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the spout comprises a container seal, and further wherein the spreader element comprises a piercing element adapted to open the container seal when the spout is attached to the stem.

56. (New) The method of claim 50, further comprising a flow restrictor.